



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: KISHIMOTO, TADAMITSU *et al.*  
Title: CHRONIC RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS THERAPY CONTAINING IL-6  
ANTAGONIST AS EFFECTIVE COMPONENT  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on January 2, 2004.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 6 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.